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Applicant: Mario DiMarco  
Serial No.: 09/224,029  
Filing Date: December 31, 1998  
Title:

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
CIRCUIT INTEGRATION

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Group Art Unit: 2841  
Examiner: Dinh, T.

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 3, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
BOX AMENDMENT - NO FEE  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2001, please consider the following remarks:

**REMARKS**

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated October 3, 2001. Claims 6-24 (4 independent and 19 total claims) remain pending in this Application. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited.

**35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections**

The Office rejected claims 22-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Keeth et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,430,615, issued July 4, 1995 ("Keeth"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

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